

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 293

By Shaw

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Rick Rudesill and the Bolivar Central High School Boys' Basketball Team upon winning the 2004-2005 TSSAA Class 2A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Bolivar Central High School boys' basketball team is one such estimable team that evinces great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Rick Rudesill, the Bolivar Central Tigers achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004-2005 season, establishing an excellent record of twenty-nine wins against only five losses and winning the Class 2A Boys' Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after crushing Sullivan Central by the score of 81-46 in the opening round of the State Tournament, Bolivar Central defeated Marin Luther King High School 47-44 in the semi-finals to advance to the TSSAA Class 2A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, defeating Raleigh-Egypt by the score of 44-40 in the title game, the Bolivar Central boys' basketball team captured their second consecutive TSSAA Class 2A Basketball Title, thus becoming only the second school to ever win back-to-back State Championships in boys' Class 2A basketball in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by the Herculean efforts of Willie Kemp, who scored seventeen points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Wayne Chism, who scored nine points and pulled down eleven rebounds in the Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, three Tigers were named to the All-Tournament team, Wayne Chism, Olajuwon Kemp, and Willie Kemp, who was also named Most Valuable Player of the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Rick Rudesill's able leadership, the Bolivar Central Tigers were also guided by Assistant Coach William McBroom and Assistant Coach Cameron Crisp; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout, the members of the Bolivar Central High School boys' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Bolivar Central High School boys' basketball team upon achieving an extraordinary level of success and capturing the 2004-2005 TSSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship Title and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.